AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 - 9. (canceled).

10. (previously presented): A method for protecting liver functions of a mammal, which reduces an increase in GPT or GOT activity in blood, and which comprises administering to a mammal a composition for protecting liver functions,

said composition comprising reduced coenzyme Q represented by formula (1):

(wherein n represents an integer in the range of 1 to 12).

11. (previously presented): A method for protecting liver functions of a mammal, which reduces an increase in GPT or GOT activity in blood, and which comprises orally administering a composition for protecting liver functions,

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said composition comprising reduced coenzyme Q represented by formula (1):

$$H_3CO$$
 CH_3
 H_3CO
 $(CH_2CHC(CH_3)CH_2)_n H$
 OH
 (1)

(wherein n represents an integer in the range of 1 to 12).

12 - 25. (canceled).